

Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee
Judicial Conference of Indiana

Minutes
June 1, 2001

The Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, June 1, 2001, from 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.

1. Members present. Christopher L. Burnham; W. Timothy Crowley; Steve David; Mary R. Harper; James R. Heuer; Lynn Murray; James W. Payne; Daniel L. Pflum; Magistrate R. Paulette Stagg; and Stephen M. Sims, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz and Anne Jordan provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Mr. John Newman, State Court Administrator's Office; Mr. James Hmurovich, Director, Division of Family and Children, FSSA; and Ms. Francie Hill, Supreme Court Family Court Pilot Project were also present.
4. Minutes. The minutes for the meeting of the committee on May 4, 2001 were approved.
5. Presentation by John Newman. Mr. John Newman distributed a draft of proposed revisions to the juvenile records retention schedules dated March 30, 2001. The committee members agreed by consensus that juvenile felony records should be kept 12 years; juvenile status and juvenile miscellaneous records should be kept 5 years, and CHINS records should be kept 12 years.
6. FSSA.
 - a. Mr. Hmurovich distributed a list of placements that includes the following: (1) Placements that will be paid from the county family and children's funds that are also Title IV-E eligible; (2) Placement costs that will be paid from the county family and children's fund that are not IV-E eligible; (3) Placement costs that will not be paid for the county family and children's fund but will be paid from the county general fund; and (4) placement costs that will be paid from the county family and children's fund but should not be used unless cost reports are submitted.
 - b. Mr. Hmurovich agreed to prepare a cover memorandum including: (1) payment for services for juveniles in detention; (2) the method for adding approved facilities to the list; (3) a date to the list; and (4) reference to a website (if available) for this list. The committee members agreed the list and cover memorandum should be distributed to all judges at the juvenile judges annual meeting and mailed to all probation departments. Mr. Hmurovich said not all counties budget for these placements in the same manner – some IV-E eligible placements may be paid for from the county general fund. Only the county council can change the funding source.
 - c. Mr. Hmurovich agreed to return the next meeting of the committee on September 12 to discuss the monies spent for placements in the red notebook distributed at the May meeting.

7. Presentation by Francie Hill. Ms. Hill, Supreme Court Family Court Pilot Project, distributed a summary of focus group meetings held for the project. In addition, she reported a 6-page survey was distributed to 100 judges and 200 attorneys about coordination issues in family law cases and site visits were finished in Johnson, Monroe and Porter counties. She said Mr. Jeff Kuhn would distribute the final evaluation of the project to the Supreme Court, and some monies will be available for new projects.
8. Recent legislation. Mr. Bercovitz distributed the following enrolled acts to the committee for review: HEA's 1065, 1084, 1416, 1829, 1841, 1855, 1892, 2145, and SEA's 32, 83, 204, 445, 538, and 569.
9. Other. Mr. Bercovitz distributed a list of juvenile DOC facilities and placements and an editorial dated 6/1/01 from the Indianapolis Star entitled, "Adult justice system not made for youth."
10. Next meeting dates. The committee agreed to meet again on the following dates: Wednesday, September 12, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon in conjunction with the judicial conference; Friday, November 2, 2001; January 4, 2002; February 1, 2002; March 1, 2002; and May 3, 2002 from 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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